

## **Interdistrict Attendance**

### Interdistrict Attendance Agreement

The Governing Board has the authority to enter into agreements with surrounding school districts and to accept, insofar as facilities permit, students residing in other districts. The Board may also allow students living in the Rockford School District to attend surrounding districts, but only with no tuition charge, with the district of attendance credited with the pupil attending for apportionment purposes and the revenue limit pursuant to Education Code 42238.

1. Length of and termination of permit: Any interdistrict attendance permit will be in effect only for the school year beginning July 1st and ending June 30th of that given year. However, Rockford School District may terminate an interdistrict agreement at any time during the effective year, pursuant to this policy, upon giving 10 calendar days written notice to the district of residence and to the pupil's parent/guardian.
2. Case-by-case basis: The Rockford School District will consider each interdistrict permit request on a case-by-case basis. The Rockford School District may review every request for interdistrict attendance, whether the student is transferring into or out of the district.
3. Selection process: Rockford will allow interdistrict transfers into the district to meet the enrollment needs of each grade level. Priority will be given to children or grandchildren of Rockford school staff and board members and students with sibling(s) that meet enrollment needs at more than one grade level. All things being equal, students will be allowed into the district on a first come-first serve basis providing that they meet all the requirements for interdistrict enrollment and have completed the initial requirements for consideration as specified by the Board and the Superintendent. In addition, the Rockford School Board always reserves the right to make special exceptions to the interdistrict selection procedure.
4. Interdistrict permit approval: The Rockford School District may approve interdistrict permits for the following reasons:
  - a. Parent/guardian in district. When child care needs of the student are met by a parent/guardian, relative or sitter in the receiving district.
  - b. Brother or sister attending school in district: When the student has brother(s) or sister(s) attending school in a receiving district, to avoid splitting the family attendance.
  - c. Moved during school year: To complete a school year when the parents/guardians have moved out of the district during the year, as long as the student attended Rockford for one year (180 consecutive school days).
  - d. Remain with class: To allow students to remain with a class that is graduating that year from the Rockford School District

e. Personal and social adjustment: To provide a change in school environment for reasons of personal and social adjustment.

f. When a student has been determined by staff of either the district of residence or district of proposed attendance to be a victim of an act of bullying as defined in Education Code 489000(r). Such a student will be given priority for interdistrict attendance under any existing interdistrict agreement or, in the absence of an agreement, shall be given consideration for the creation of a new agreement.

g. When a valid interest is a particular educational program not offered in the district of residence.

### Behavioral Performance and Attendance

The superintendent or designee, prior to approving an interdistrict attendance request to transfer into the district, may contact the child's district of residence to determine whether the child meets the Rockford School District standards of behavioral performance and attendance. If a child is determined to be experiencing difficulties in these areas, the superintendent or designee may recommend to the Board that the interdistrict attendance request be denied.

1. District right to deny agreement: The Rockford School District reserves the right to deny any interdistrict attendance agreement request before the child is enrolled in this district for the following reasons:

a. Behavioral standards: The student is failing to maintain behavioral standards established by his/her district of residence.

b. Attendance: The student has experienced difficulty in regularly attending and/or arriving on time for his/her district of residence.

c. Classes overcrowded: Classes in this district are determined to be overcrowded and space is needed to permit the enrollment of additional students who reside in this district.

d. Class size limit: The Rockford School District may invoke a class size limit for individual grades at any time during the school year.

e. Academic standards: The Rockford School District may not accept any student that is not working up to the child's individual ability level.

f. Interdistrict contract: All parents of interdistrict students will be required to sign a contract outlining the requirements for being granted an interdistrict permit. Any violation of the contract may result in the interdistrict being revoked and/or the interdistrict agreement not being granted in subsequent years.

2. District right to revoke agreement: The Rockford School District reserves the right to revoke any interdistrict attendance permit at any time during the school year for the following reasons:

a. Failure to maintain behavioral standards: The student is failing to maintain behavioral standards established by the district.

b. Attendance/tardy problems: The Student has been tardy or truant without valid excuse excess of three occasions.

c. Overcrowded: Once a student is admitted, the district may not deny him/her continued attendance because of overcrowded facilities at the relevant grade level.

d. Academic achievement: If the district feels that the child is not working up to his/her potential, then the interdistrict may be revoked.

(1) If the district feels that the child is not working up to his or her potential.

(2) If the student is not completing the assigned work in the classroom to the satisfaction of the classroom teacher.

e. Additional financial burden: If our interdistrict transfer student requires additional financial support beyond the amount generated by the ADA revenue, intended for that child the interdistrict agreement may be revoked.

3. Transportation. The Rockford School District shall not provide transportation for student on an interdistrict permit.

4. Timely notice: The parent/guardian of a student who is denied a transfer permit pursuant to Education Code 46600-46611 shall receive notice within 30 days of request, in accordance with law, regarding the process for appeal to the County Board of Education. This notice shall be provided by the district denying the request, or, in the absence of an agreement between the districts, by the district of residence. (Education Code 46601)

Pending a decision by the two districts or an appeal to the County Board, the Superintendent or designee may provisionally admit a student who resides in another district for the period not to exceed two school months. (Education Code 44603)

5. Appeal denied: Students who are under consideration for expulsion or who have been expelled may not appeal interdistrict attendance denials or rescissions while expulsion proceedings are pending, or during the term of expulsion. (Education Code 46601)

A student who is enrolled in a district on the basis of an interdistrict attendance permit is required to reapply and be approved each school year in order to continue to attend in the district of enrollment. Notification of acceptance/denial will be received within 30 calendar days of receipt.

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